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Operational

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The information given below is keyed to the numbers on the Developmental Project Form.

1. Military, political, and economic intelligence in the Craiova, Giurgiu, Bucharest, and Constanta areas.
2. General areas given above.

Note: This operation is concerned with a plan to build up a net of agents utilizing men furnished for that purpose by a Rumanian resistance movement. See para 7. of this memo for details of the movement.

3. a. "TRAJAN" (cover name), #19 050, is the head of this operation working for Organization #13. He plays a similar role in Projects #114 and #116. See Project #116 for details known about Subject.
- b. "TOMIO" (cover name), #19 150. (See MHL-A-610, para 1.) Educated as Officer. Lives in Rumania. Since 1944 he has been the leader of the circle described in para 7. of this memo. Speaks Rumanian and French. Had considerable experience leading troops. Knows Rumania and southwest Russia. He has been given instruction in intelligence, counter-intelligence, codes, and secret links by TRAJAN. He has already done the following: built four sub-agencies from the men made available to him from his resistance movement. They came from the reconnaissance part of the movement and have been reformed to do their new task. They have also been schooled by him. He has also arranged courier points to be changed periodically and separate ones for foreign traffic in Craiova. He will also take precautionary

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quantities. When it became apparent in 1945 and 1946 that the cold war would probably last a considerable time before, if ever, the time was to come for war, the military parts of this group were inactivated. The members of the military elements were incorporated into civilian life. In order to protect members of the group and their cover, an organization was formed for their protection. This protective element had the task of placing chosen workers in civilian, military, and governmental offices where they could be warned in advance of any danger as well as be in a position to study various trends. The Communist Party and organizations had a high priority in this penetration scheme. The fact that the group has remained unscathed testifies to the wisdom of this scheme.

TRAJAN (see Projects #114 and #116) during his two trips to Rumania in 1947 and 48 established contact with this group through its leaders. While he was back in the west between these trips, he was able to get a clear picture of this group from emigrant groups with which he talked. There can be no doubt that it is a group of Rumanian patriots cutting across all party groups (commies excluded) who have joined forces to present a united front against Communism. He was also able to prove to his satisfaction that while this group does have political contact with an emigrant group, it does not have any intelligence contact with it. Any other intelligence contacts were denied, and no trace was found of them. (The National Exile Group with which they are in political contact is not described.)

TRAJAN was told by the leaders of the group while on his second trip to Rumania in 1948 that they were ready to put at his disposal members of their group who were among the protective elements developed for the safety of their entire membership. Their motive was the recognition that the US is the strongest power with which they can ally themselves in the common fight against Communism.

TRAJAN trained TONIO and MARK, who in turn trained the sub-agents. All people assigned to this intelligence work by the circle in Rumania immediately cease to have anything to do with the circle. TONIO and MARK, as soon as their organizing is completed, will take no further active part in the intelligence collecting and forwarding aspect of the work, but will take any steps necessary to secure their people if they receive warnings of coming blows from the Rumanian circle. A report of May 1949 stated that this organization and the schooling have been completed. The sub-agents are not to have any contact with each other and are to limit their own direct contacts to five co-workers.

This Rumanian circle has close ties with the political group in Rumania led by (see MIL-A-610, para 8).

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